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SPENCER ROANE, BORN 1762, DIED 1822.

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COPPER MONEY IN THE COLONY OF VIRGINIA.

An act of Assembly in November, 1769, authorized the Treasurer, Robert Carter Nicholas, to buy £2,500 Sterling worth of Copper Money, "should his Majesty be graciously pleased to permit it to be brought in." By another act in February, 1772, the amount was reduced to £1,000. The following from the *Va. Gazette* gives the actual time of the introduction of the coin—the Virginia half-penny:

TREASURY OFFICE, February 27, 1775.

Observing, from a ROYAL PROCLAMATION, published in the last *Gazette*, that his MAJESTY hath been graciously PLEASED to authorize the Currency of Copper Money throughout this Colony, agreeable to the Terms of an Act of our General Assembly, I do hereby give Notice that such Copper Money is now ready to be issued in Exchange, either for Gold, Silver, or any of the Treasury Notes. Those who have Demands, PROPERLY AUTHENTICATED, may receive what Proportion they please in Copper, but are not obliged to take more than 2s 6 in any sum above twenty Shillings, and not more than 1s. in any Sum under twenty Shillings.———Constant Attendance will be given at this office, every Day in the Week, except Sunday, from eight to one o'Clock.

I must again call upon all such Inspectors, Clerks, and other Collectors, as have not settled their Accounts, and paid their respective Balances due to the Treasury. If they fail doing it longer than the next meeting of Merchants, in April, they may be assured that I shall prefer regular Complaints, before the PROPER AUTHORITY, against every Delinquent, and

that I shall, moreover, without fail, publish Lists of all Defaulters, in the public Gazettes.

THIS MAY BE RELIED ON.

R. C. NICHOLAS, Treasurer.

ELECTION OF ST. GEORGE TUCKER, AS PROFESSOR OF LAW.

The following was found lately among the papers of Judge St. George Tucker:

At a Convocation of the Visitors and Governors of William and Mary College held at the Council Chamber, within the said College, the Eighth day of March, 1790.

The Rector laid before the Convocation the Resignation of George Wythe, esquire, as Professor of Law and Police, whereupon Resolved, that St. George Tucker, esquire, be appointed to the said Professorship and that he be allowed for the same at the rate of One hundred and twenty pounds per annum.

FRANCIS CORBIN, Rector.

A Copy

Memorandum, Williamsburg, March 8, 1700:

Teste.

The above named St. George Tucker took the oath required to be taken as a professor of Law and Police in the presence of us,

Will Russell, Cl.

FRANCIS CORBIN, Rector.

PHILIP L. GRYMES, Visitor.

THE MEANING OF WHIG PARTY.

“An explanation of this term of party nomenclature at that time and for several years after in America politics may not be improper in this connection. It was first applied to those who opposed with great earnestness what they held to be the dan-